

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Attachment means~~ An attachment structure for attaching a conductor to a hearing aid having a hearing aid housing with a hearing aid housing wall, said attachment ~~means~~ structure defining a sound conduit and being adapted to be located partially in said hearing aid housing wall, so as to have a first part located in said hearing aid housing wall and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall, said first part having means for an interlocking structure which interlocks with the hearing aid housing in an assembled state ~~thereof~~ said hearing aid housing.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Attachment means~~ structure according to claim 1, wherein said first part comprises ~~means~~ a structure for interlocking with the hearing aid housing and with a carrier for electronics in the hearing aid in an assembled state thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Attachment~~ structure ~~means~~ according to claim 1, wherein said second part is generally cylindrical and comprises a thread.

5. (Currently Amended) Attachment ~~means~~structure according to claim 1, wherein said second part comprises a catch ~~means~~element.

6. (Currently Amended) Attachment ~~means~~structure according to claim 5, wherein said catch ~~means~~element comprises a barb.

7. (Currently Amended) Attachment ~~means~~structure according to claim 6, wherein said barb is circumferential.

8. (Currently Amended) A hearing aid housing for a BTE hearing aid, said housing comprising a housing wall and an attachment ~~means~~structure for attaching a conductor, said attachment ~~means~~structure defining a sound conduit and being located partially in said hearing aid housing wall, so as to have a first part located in said housing wall and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall, said attachment ~~means~~structure having ~~means~~an interlocking structure for interlocking with the hearing aid housing in an assembled state ~~thereof~~ of said hearing aid housing.

9. (Currently Amended) A hearing aid housing according to claim 8, wherein said hearing aid housing wall comprises ~~means~~structure for interlocking with said attachment ~~means~~structure.

10. (Currently Amended) A hearing aid housing according to claim 8, wherein said ~~means~~structure for interlocking with said attachment ~~means~~structure comprises a recess formed in said housing wall.

11. (Currently Amended) A hearing aid housing according to claim 8, wherein said attachment ~~means~~structure comprises ~~means~~structure for interlocking with a carrier for electronics in the hearing aid.

12. (Currently Amended) A BTE hearing aid comprising a hearing aid housing with a housing wall and an attachment ~~means~~structure for attaching a conductor, said attachment ~~structure~~means comprising an interchangeable part which can be removed without removing any electrical components of said hearing aid, said interchangeable part having a first and a second part, said second part protruding from said hearing aid housing through an aperture in said housing wall, said interchangeable part having a through bore.

13. (Currently Amended) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 12, wherein said hearing aid and said attachment ~~means~~structure comprise mutually interlocking ~~means~~structures.

14. (Original) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 13, wherein said second part of said interchangeable part comprises a generally cylindrical surface with an external thread.

15. (Currently Amended) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 13, wherein said second part of said interchangeable part comprises a generally cylindrical surface with at least one catch means~~element~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 14, wherein said catch means~~element~~ comprises a barb.

17. (Original) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 16, wherein said barb is a circumferential barb.

18. (Previously Presented) A BTE hearing aid according to claim 16, wherein said barb is located at the distal end of said second part.

Claims 19-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A hearing aid having a hearing aid housing with a hearing aid housing wall, a conductor, and attachment ~~means~~structure for attaching the conductor to the hearing aid, said attachment ~~means~~structure defining a sound conduit and being located partially in said hearing aid housing wall so as to have a first part located in said hearing aid housing wall and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall, said first part having ~~means~~interlocking structure for interlocking with the hearing aid housing in an assembled state ~~thereof~~ of the hearing aid housing.

23. (New) Attachment structure for attaching a conductor to a hearing aid having a hearing aid housing with a hearing aid housing wall, said attachment structure defining a sound conduit and having first part located inside of said hearing aid housing and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall, said first part having interlocking structure for securing said attachment structure such that it will not rotate with respect to said hearing aid housing, said attachment structure being removable from said hearing aid housing without removing any electrical components of said hearing aid.

24. (New) A hearing aid housing for a BTE hearing aid, said housing comprising a housing wall and an attachment structure for attaching a conductor, said attachment structure defining a sound conduit and having a first part located in said hearing aid housing and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall, said attachment structure having interlocking structure for securing said attachment structure such that it will not rotate with respect to said hearing aid housing in an assembled state of said hearing aid housing, said attachment structure being removable from said hearing aid housing without removing any electrical components of said hearing aid.

25. (New) A hearing aid having a hearing aid housing with a hearing aid housing wall, a conductor, and attachment structure for attaching the conductor to the hearing aid, said attachment structure defining a sound conduit and having a first part located in said hearing aid housing wall and a second part protruding through an aperture in said hearing aid housing wall,

said first part having interlocking structure for securing said attachment structure such that it will not rotate with respect to said hearing aid housing in an assembled state of said hearing aid housing, said attachment structure being removable from said hearing aid housing without removing any electrical components of said hearing aid.